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SUBJ: UNESCO - EUROPEAN MINISTERS OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE BUCHAREST
NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 4, 1973

1. COMMISSIONS I AND II MET NOVEMBER 28 AFTER LONG GENERAL DISCUSSION RE HIGHER EDUCATION COOPERATION. RESOLUTIONS WERE SUBMITTED BY SPAIN, POLAND, AND YUGOSLAVIA. SUMMARY OF EACH FOLLOWS:

A) SPAIN: CALLS FOR MEETING OF EXPERTS TO CONSIDER SETTING CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION DEGREE EQUIVALENCIES AND DIRECTS UNESCO TO CONSULT MEMBER STATES ON BASIS EXPERT REPORT ON DESIRABILITY DRAFT EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON EQUIVALENCIES.

B) POLAND: RECOMMENDS MEMBER STATES TAKE STEPS FOR JOINT PREPARATION OF TEXTBOOKS AND FOR EXCHANGES OF VISUAL AIDS AMONG INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; THAT UNESCO PREPARE INFORMATION ON POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGE OF SUCH AMONG INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

C) YUGOSLAVIA: RECOMMENDS: (1) MEETING OF EXPERTS IN 1974 OR 75
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CONSIDER EQUIVALENCIES FOLLOWED BY CONFERENCE FOR ADOPTION OF

REPORT. (2) CONFERENCE OF REPS. OF UNIVERSITIES FOR PURPOSE OF SETTING UP ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES WHICH WOULD BE A SECTION OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES. MEETING SHOULD BE IN 1974 OR 75. (3) THAT UNIVERSITIES IMPROVE COOPERATION POST GRADUATE LEVEL BY ARRANGING EXCHANGES OF SCHOLARS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS (4) FOR MEETING OF EXPERTS IN 1975 OR 76 TO STUDY INNOVATIONS IN ED. TECHNOLOGY. (4) INVITES GOVERNMENTS TO INCREASE AID THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. (5) ASKS CLOSE COOPERATION WITH UNU. (6) REAFFIRMS RIGHTS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES TT EQUAL ACCESS HIGHER EDUCATION IN THEIR "MOTHER TONGUE." (7) RECOMMENDS GOVERNMENT COOPERATION FOR EDUCATION OF MIGRANT WORKERS IN EUROPE.

2. RESOLUTIONS WILL BE REPORTED OUT OF COMMISSIONS ON SATURDAY FOR PLENARY ON MONDAY. EXPECT MANY MORE TODAY. COMMISSION I SPENT FULL DAY IN GENERAL DISCUSSION, NO RESOLUTIONS AS YET.

3. SO FAR CONFERENCCE HAS BEEN RESTRAINED. U.S. PERM. DEL. MADE SHORT GENERAL STATEMENT COMMISSION II NOVEMBER 28 STRESSING OUR SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLES COOPERATION, FREE FLOW OF SCHOLARS, STUDENTS AND MATERIALS AND REITERATED MUTUAL INTEREST OF ALL THAT U.S. AND CANADA BE FULL MEMBERS EUROPEAN REGION.
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